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DISTURBING NEW EVIDENCE ON CIA

(Mr. ROGERS of Florida asked and was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the Record.)

Mr. ROGERS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, additional reasons why CIA was unable to produce photographs of the Russian military buildup in Cuba last autumn were revealed by Secretary McNamara and Pentagon intelligence chiefs in testimony released by the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

According to testimony, CIA had been photographing the wrong end of the island—the eastern end—despite reliable intelligence reports that the buildup was at the western end.

Earlier, poor weather conditions were blamed for CIA failures. However, as I stated on February 28, weather conditions under which CIA had operated were generally as cloudy and difficult as those which the Air Force encountered the morning of October 14 when its first flight obtained conclusive photographs of Soviet offensive strength in Cuba.

Mr. Speaker, this disturbing new evidence renews the valid questioning of CIA which has been going on for some time now. It makes close, constant congressional review of this Agency through a joint House-Senate watchdog committee such as I have proposed even more imperative.